4. The benefit will be available to all the eligible retired DOT employees, irrespective of the category of their registration and without prejudice to the existing benefits regarding entitlement for Non-OYT-SS category telephone connection available to employees of certain pay scales.

5. The retired employees will have to furnish a valid documentary proof of having been retired from DOT and the period of service rendered in DOT duly certified before his/her retirement from DOT.

6. After the death of retiree/spouse, the telephone will be treated as a general category telephone and rental will be charged as applicable to General Category telephone.

The date of implementation is w.e.f. 1.10.1998.

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Release of Commemorative Stamps in the name of Rajsri Bhugyachandra

116. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated any plan to release postage stamp in the name of renowned architectures/artists/ literature leaders of the North Eastern States;

(b) whether Government have received a proposal for releasing a commemorative postage stamp in the name of Rajsri Bhugyachandra of Manipur during the centenary celebration of this year;

(c) if so, by when it will be released; and

(d) if not, why such renowned personage should be disrespected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. 25% of the stamps by Department of Posts issued annually are earmarked for personalities of national or international .importance. Such personalities of the North Eastern States are also included in the Department's annual programme for issuing such stamps. Proposals

for such stamps are considered by the Philatelic Advisor Committee in the Department on the basis of specific guidelines and thereafter approved by Minister of Communications well in advance, keeping in view the time required for designing, printing and distribution of such stamps.

(b) Yes, Sir. However the proposal was received too late for consideration by the Philatelic Advisory Committee in its meeting in September, 1998.

(c) The proposal for a stamp on Rajsri Bhugyachandra of Manipur is still under consideration.

(d) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (c).

Fraudulent claim of Concessions by the Exporters

117. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters are claiming more concessions by showing high value of goods being exported;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to tackle this problem; and

(c) the number of such cases which has come to the notice of Government during the last three years alongwith the details thereof as also the action taken in each of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VENUR DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) Few instances of such concessions have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) In order to prevent such instances of claiming more consessions by showing high value of goods the Government have been periodically reviewing the export promotion schemes and taken various measures by putting restriction on such claims within the prescribed limit. These are:—

(i) A mechanism has been evolved whereby all exports which are entitled for a rate in excess of 15% under Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme, or 10% under Drawback Scheme, are subject to a maximum value cap which alone can be availed, irrespective of the export price declared by the exporters.